THE MYSORE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.

GENERAL SUBJECTS.

Of October 1918.

PART I.

FINANCIAL.

(Nos. 1 to 11.)

SUBJECT No. 1.

Deputation of more members from the Assembly to the State Finance Committee.

Messrs. H. Krishnasastri, Venkatasubbiah and Sambugowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Mr. Krishnasastri observed that in this Committee which has been formed recently there is a large majority of official members and said that he should like to have 4 members from the Representative Assembly and 2 from the Legislative Council on it.

Reply of Government.—This request will be granted.

SUBJECT No. 2.

A retrenchment Committee.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Taluk.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao observed that in some departments of the State expenditure is increasing and that it is desirable to retrench it. The old retrenchment Committee had become moribund. He wanted a new Committee with some non-official members on it to consider the question of retrenchment.

The Financial Secretary stated that it is not possible to admit non-official members into the Retrenchment Committee. Some members of the Finance Committee are non-officials. They could propose retrenchment.

The member observed that the Finance Committee met only once a year and it was immediately concerned with the budget and that it would therefore not be able to consider questions of retrenchment.

The Dewan closed the discussion by saying that the functions of the Finance Committee would be amplified so as to include some of those of the Retrenchment Committee. The Finance Committee may meet oftener for the purpose.

SUBJECT No. 3.

Postponement of the levy of income-tax.

Messrs. Padmanna, Chandrasekhariah, Venkatasamiah, Nanjangud Taluk, and Dowlat Hanumiah Setty, Malvalli Municipality.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—The levy of income-tax for which a bill has been recently introduced in the Legislative Council by the Government is sure to cause people considerable hardship and trouble. In British India the tax is a source of much trouble to the people and to avoid it many big merchants from Vaniambadi, etc., have come to our State and established factories, such as tanneries and other business concerns. If the tax is levied here also they will leave our State. The tax itself will give rise